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### LEGISLATURE APPROVES LEGISLATION CO-SPONSORED BY REP. WINKLER TO EASE PROPERTY TAX BURDEN



#### *Bill Requested By Groton Town Council Members*

On Wednesday, May 3, The House of Representatives gave final legislative approval to legislation cosponsored by **State Rep. Lenny Winkler**, R-Groton, that could ease the property tax burden in Groton. Senate Bill 668, “An Act Concerning Property Revaluations”, contains a concept introduced by Rep. Winkler that would allow the state to grant certain municipalities an extension for mandatory property tax revaluation. “During a meeting with the area’s legislative delegation prior to the start of the current legislative session, members of Groton’s Town Council requested the measures,” said Rep. Winkler.

The bill now goes to Governor M. Jodi Rell for final approval.

Currently, municipalities are required to conduct statistical property tax revaluations every 5 years and physical property tax revaluations every 10 years.

“Like many towns, Groton has struggled to balance funding the needs of the community with high property taxes,” said Rep. Winkler, a longtime member of the Legislature’s tax-writing, Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee. “This legislation will allow towns and cities that are fiscally responsible to implement property tax relief.